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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-24****April 13, 2015****LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLICY OFFICE**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Town of Joliet  
P.O. Box 210  
Joliet, MT 59041

FACILITY NAME: Town of Joliet Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: T 4 S, R 22 E, Sec. 13, Joliet, MT  
Carbon County, Latitude 45°29'08"N, Longitude  
108°57'22.5"W

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Rock Creek  
Montana Stream Segment MT43D002\_120

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020249

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater from the Town of Joliet Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to Rock Creek. A fact sheet is available for review, and describes the rationale for the permit renewal. The applicant operates a 3-cell aerated facility with continuous discharge and no disinfection. The average facility design flow is 0.4 million gallons per day (mgd) and effluent is discharged from Outfall 001 to Rock Creek. The proposed permit will continue to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5), *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) bacteria, pH, and total residual chlorine (TRC). Proposed changes from the previous permit include proposed limits for ammonia and nutrients, and Technology Based Effluent Limits (TBELs) for total suspended solids (TSS) based on Secondary Treatment Standards. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of

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discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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APPLICANT: Spring Creek Coal, LLC  
PO Box 67  
Decker, MT 59025

FACILITY NAME: Spring Creek Mine

FACILITY LOCATION: Lakeshore Drive  
Decker, MT 59025

RECEIVING WATER: Ephemeral tributary to Spring Creek, South Fork Spring  
Creek, Ephemeral tributary to South Fork Spring Creek,  
and Pearson Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0024619

This is a major modification of the MPDES permit for the Spring Creek Coal, LLC, Spring Creek Mine. The facility discharges to the following receiving waters: ephemeral tributary to Spring Creek, South Fork Spring Creek, ephemeral tributary to South Fork Spring Creek, and Pearson Creek. The modification includes the following actions: add four new outfalls to the permit and correct inadvertently omitted narrative effluent limitations.

As specified in the Administrative Rules of Montana at ARM 17.30.1361 and ARM 17.30.1365(4)(b) only the permit conditions described above are reopened and subject to this public notice and comment period. All other provisions of the permit remain in effect and are not reopened.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 13, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS May 13, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

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The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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